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NEWS.

THE UNIVERSITY OF VERMONT has conferred the degree of doctor of science on Mr. C. G. PRINGLE, keeper of the herbarium of the university.—SCIENCE.

DR. HENRY S. CONARD, professor-elect of biology in Randolph-Macon College, has resigned to accept an appointment as professor of botany in Iowa College, at Grinnell, to succeed Professor FINK.

PROFESSOR R. B. WYLIE, professor of biology in Morningside College, has been appointed assistant professor of botany in the University of Iowa, where he is to have especial charge of the work in plant morphology.

THE APPROPRIATION for the Department of Agriculture for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1906, aggregates \$9,932,940. Among the items of interest to botanists are the following: Bureau of Plant Industry, \$1,024,740; Forest Service, \$1,017,500; Agricultural Experiment Stations, \$974,860; Division of Publications, \$248,520; Bureau of Soils, \$221,460; Biological Survey, \$52,000; Library, \$25,880.

FOR TWO YEARS the State Weather Service of Maryland has been carrying on a Botanical Survey of the State under the direction of Dr. FOREST SHREVE, Johns Hopkins University. During the present summer two parties are in the field: one under Dr. SHREVE, working in the Appalachian valley; and one under Mr. FREDERICK H. BLODGETT, Maryland Agricultural College, working in the Blue Ridge region.

THE OFFICE of Experiment Stations of the United States Department of Agriculture has undertaken the preparation of a complete list of the books written by agricultural college and experiment station men in the United States. As a heritage from the Paris and St. Louis expositions the Office has a set of about two hundred books by experiment station men. A list of these and of a few others by the same authors has been prepared, and assistance is requested in completing the list. The Office desires to get copies of such books as are not now in its collection, so far as this is possible.

--*The Association internationale des botanistes* decided last year at Vienna to form an international organization to advance the interests of agriculture and horticulture by the selection, introduction, and distribution of plants useful for forests, fields, industrial supplies, or ornament. To this end a conference is to be held in Paris, August 25, at the building of the Horticultural Society, 84 rue de Grenelle, where it is expected to organize for this purpose a special section of the Association and to devise means for attaining promptly the ends in view. M. PHILIPPE L. DE VILMORIN is organizing this meeting, which gives promise of being successful, inasmuch as the cooperation of many *savants praticiens* and botanical gardens is already assured.